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In re Application of: Thierry BARGE et al.

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Sir:

Pursuant to applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, enclosed are copies of seven (7) references for the Examiner's review and consideration. These references were cited in the international search report and a copy is enclosed.

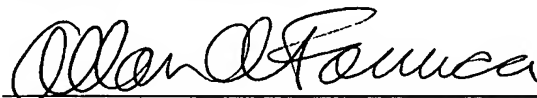
These references are listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that these references be made of record in this application by the Examiner's completion and return of the PTO Form 1449.

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Respectfully submitted,

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